

INTERNATIONAL SEARCH REPORT

GB2004/003385

A. CLASSIFICATION OF SUBJECT MATTER
IPC 7 G01N33/74 G01N33/76

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B. FIELDS SEARCHED

Minimum documentation searched (classification system followed by classification symbols)
IPC 7 G01N

Documentation searched other than minimum documentation to the extent that such documents are included in the fields searched

Electronic data base consulted during the international search (name of data base and, where practical, search terms used)

EPO-Internal, BIOSIS, EMBASE, CHEM ABS Data, PAJ, WPI Data

C. DOCUMENTS CONSIDERED TO BE RELEVANT

Category *	Citation of document, with indication, where appropriate, of the relevant passages	Relevant to claim No.
X	STORRING P L ET AL: "Lectin-binding assays for the isoforms of human erythropoietin: Comparison of urinary and four recombinant erythropoietins" JOURNAL OF ENDOCRINOLOGY, vol. 150, no. 3, 1996, pages 401-412, XP008037378 ISSN: 0022-0795 the whole document abstract table 1 figure 3 page 402, last paragraph - page 403, paragraph 1	1-3, 8-11,18, 20-23
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Box II Observations where certain claims were found unsearchable (Continuation of item 2 of first sheet)

This International Search Report has not been established in respect of certain claims under Article 17(2)(a) for the following reasons:

1. ☒ Claims Nos.: 13-17 (in part)
because they relate to subject matter not required to be searched by this Authority, namely:
Although claims 13-17 are directed to a diagnostic method practised on the human/animal body, the search has been carried out and based on the alleged effects of the compound/composition.
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Box III Observations where unity of invention is lacking (Continuation of item 3 of first sheet)

This International Searching Authority found multiple inventions in this International application, as follows:

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